

Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2006

Town of Los Altos Hills
City Council Special Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2006 3:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, 26379 Fremont Road

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kerr called the City Council Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Breene Kerr, Mayor Pro Tem Dean Warshawsky, Councilmember Craig A. T. Jones, Councilmember Jean Mordo and Councilmember Mike O'Malley

Absent: None

Staff: City Attorney Steve Mattas, Planning Director Carl Cahill and City Clerk Karen Jost

2. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Zsuzsanna Molnar, Zappettini Court, Friends of Westwind, summarized for Council the Friends efforts to make the necessary repairs at Westwind Barn to bring the facility into compliance. The costs to date have been manageable and their licensed contractor believed all of the violations could be remedied. She thanked Councilmember Jones for his recent meeting with the Friends and offered that it was very productive. The Friends would be responding to his questions within two weeks. Molnar noted that the non resident users of the barn facilities were feeling a bit unsettled and she hoped that any resolution to the issues would include them.

Council offered that their discussions had included the option for the continuation of any current use of Westwind Barn including the 4-H program and the boarders.

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 3:05 p.m.

3. CLOSED SESSION: :PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT/RELEASE/APPOINTMENT

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)
Title: City Manager and Acting City Manager

4. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Unrepresented Employee: Acting City Manager

Town Designated Representative: Steve Mattas

5. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: 27210 Altamont Road

Town Negotiator: Craig Jones

Negotiating Parties: Town of Los Altos Hills; Friends of Westwind

Under Negotiation: Lease terms, conditions and price.

Council reconvened to Open Session at 4:10 p.m.

The City Attorney reported out of Closed Session the following:

With regards to the first Closed Session item, the City Council accepted the resignation of Maureen Cassingham and by a 5-0 vote approved a Severance Agreement and Release between the Town and Maureen Cassingham. The City Council also voted 5-0 to appoint Carl Cahill as Acting City Manager. Finally, the City Council created a Subcommittee of Councilmembers Jones and Mordo to assist the City Council in the further consideration and selection of a recruiter and the consideration of candidates for interim City Manager and City Manager.

With regards to the second Closed Session item, the City Council by a 5-0 vote approved out of class pay for Carl Cahill at the level of 10 percent of his compensation for the time period that he serves as Acting City Manager pursuant to the City's personnel rules.

With regards to the third Closed Session item, The City Council received an update from its negotiator, provided direction and took no action. Mayor Pro Tem Warshawsky and Councilmember O'Malley recused themselves and abstained from consideration of this item.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Council at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jost, City Clerk

The February 2, 2006 Special City Council Meeting Minutes were approved as presented at the March 9, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting.